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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sunnyvale – New Hack Affected 1 Billion Users

(U) Yahoo reported yesterday that it has identified a new breach that occurred in August 2013 and involved data associated with more than one billion user accounts, double the number affected in a different breach disclosed in September 2016. Yahoo said it believed the latest incident was likely distinct from the breach disclosed in September 2016, when it said information associated with at least 500 million user accounts was stolen in 2014. The 2014 breach was believed to be the world's biggest known cyber breach by far. Yahoo said the stolen user account information may have included names, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, hashed passwords and, in some cases, encrypted or unencrypted security questions and answers.

SOURCE: 14 December 2016, [CNBC](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida –26 Tons of Cocaine Seized in Eastern Pacific

(U) Fort Lauderdale – Officials from the US Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Navy have offloaded 26.5 tons of cocaine - worth an estimated \$715 million. In a news release, the agencies said Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Naval crews participated in 27 separate drug smuggling vessel interdictions and five bale recovery operations off of Central and South America. The agency says increased US and allied presence in known drug transit zones off Eastern Pacific and Caribbean Basin is part of its Western Hemisphere Strategy.

SOURCE: 15 December 2016, [AP](#)

(U) New York – US Citizen Surrenders To Face Cyberattack Charges

(U) New York – A US citizen living in Moscow was arrested yesterday after he flew to the United States to surrender and face charges he stole contact information for over 100 million customers of US financial institutions, brokerage firms, and financial news publishers. Joshua Samuel Aaron pleaded not guilty to a 22-count indictment charging him with conspiracy, computer hacking, securities fraud and wire fraud, among other charges. Aaron's co-defendants - Gery Shalon and Ziv Orenstein - were arrested by Israeli authorities in July 2015 and were extradited from Israel in June 2016. The indictment said some of the massive computer hacks and cyberattacks occurred as the men sought to steal the customer base of competing internet gambling businesses or to secretly review executives' emails in a quest to cripple rivals.

SOURCE: 14 December 2016, [AP](#)

(U) Texas – Army Sergeant Admits Funneling Weapons to Cartel

(U) San Antonio – An Army sergeant who worked as a military recruiter has admitted he funneled dozens of assault weapons to a Mexican cartel in 2015, with the help of other soldiers. Sgt. Julian Prezas pleaded guilty this week to charges that include lying on federal firearms forms. Prosecutors relied on the testimony of informants who assisted Prezas in forwarding the weapons to the Gulf Cartel. A lawyer for Prezas says he is a decorated veteran who misunderstood regulations over the sale of guns.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 2017 in federal court. Prezas also is facing a disciplinary discharge from the military.

SOURCE: 14 December 2016, [AP](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Nigeria – WHO Reports a Third of Health Facilities in Insurgency-Hit Borno State Destroyed

(U) Maiduguri – A third of 743 health facilities have been destroyed in northeast Nigeria's Borno state, the area worst hit in a seven-year insurgency by Boko Haram militants, the World Health Organization (WHO) said yesterday. It said that of 743 health facilities, 35 percent had been completely destroyed, another 29 percent partially damaged, and 34 percent remained intact. The extremist group has killed 15,000 people and displaced more than two million from their homes. Nigerian military forces backed by troops from neighboring states have, in the last few months, ousted Boko Haram from most of an area the size of Belgium.

SOURCE: 14 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Russia – Attacks Aimed At Moscow Foiled

(U) Moscow – The Russian intelligence agency says it has arrested four people and foiled extremist attacks allegedly orchestrated out of Turkey. The Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation (FSB) said in a statement quoted by Russian news agencies that its officers arrested citizens of the former Soviet republics of Moldova and Tajikistan who were planning attacks in Moscow with the use of improvised explosive devices. They say the attacks were plotted by a Turkey-based warlord of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant who is wanted in Tajikistan for unspecified crimes. The agency said it made the arrests in and around Moscow and found automatic weapons and ammunition as well as unspecified explosives.

SOURCE: 15 December 2016, [AP](#)

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